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Striking Out In New Directions

Welcome to the first issue of VAMPIRELLA STRIKES. If everything goes according to plan, many of you will be new readers. Harris Comics decided to produce a new Vampirella title for a number of reasons, first being the overwhelming demand for more new adventures of the character who continues to mesmerize thousands of fans after over twenty-five years. In designing this new title, some consideration was also given to featuring more episodic stories: one-shots, team-ups, and speculative tales of Vampirella's past or future. (As a long time comics reader, I find that these types of stories always fascinate me, even if they fall outside of orthodox continuity.)

Not only would this format be easier for a new reader to follow, but it gives us a stage for special guest talent. (All of those people whose busy schedules have kept them from making an extended commitment, but who harbor a secret lust to tell their own tale of Vampirella. You know who you are.)

Finally, when launching a different type of Vampirella book, it seemed appropriate to start with a cover idea that was fresh, while having its roots in Vampirella's past. This photo cover, featuring our own real-life Vampirella (who many of you met up-close-and-personal at comics conventions this summer) is the first of its kind on a Harris title. What do you think? Are more in order? And how about that art?

Of course, while you can always write to us (c/o Vampirella Strikes, Harris Comics, 1115 Broadway 8th fl, New York, NY 10010), this month you can use the fabulous phone card Dynamic Entertainment has produced. It's emblazoned with cover art from Vampi Zero by Quesada & Palmiotti. In addition to being a great collectable item, each card is good for thirty minutes of valuable long distance time. You can use it to reach out to us in the office, to call your fellow Vampirella fans, or to call your favorite comics professional and suggest they do a turn at the helm of VAMPIRELLA STRIKES!

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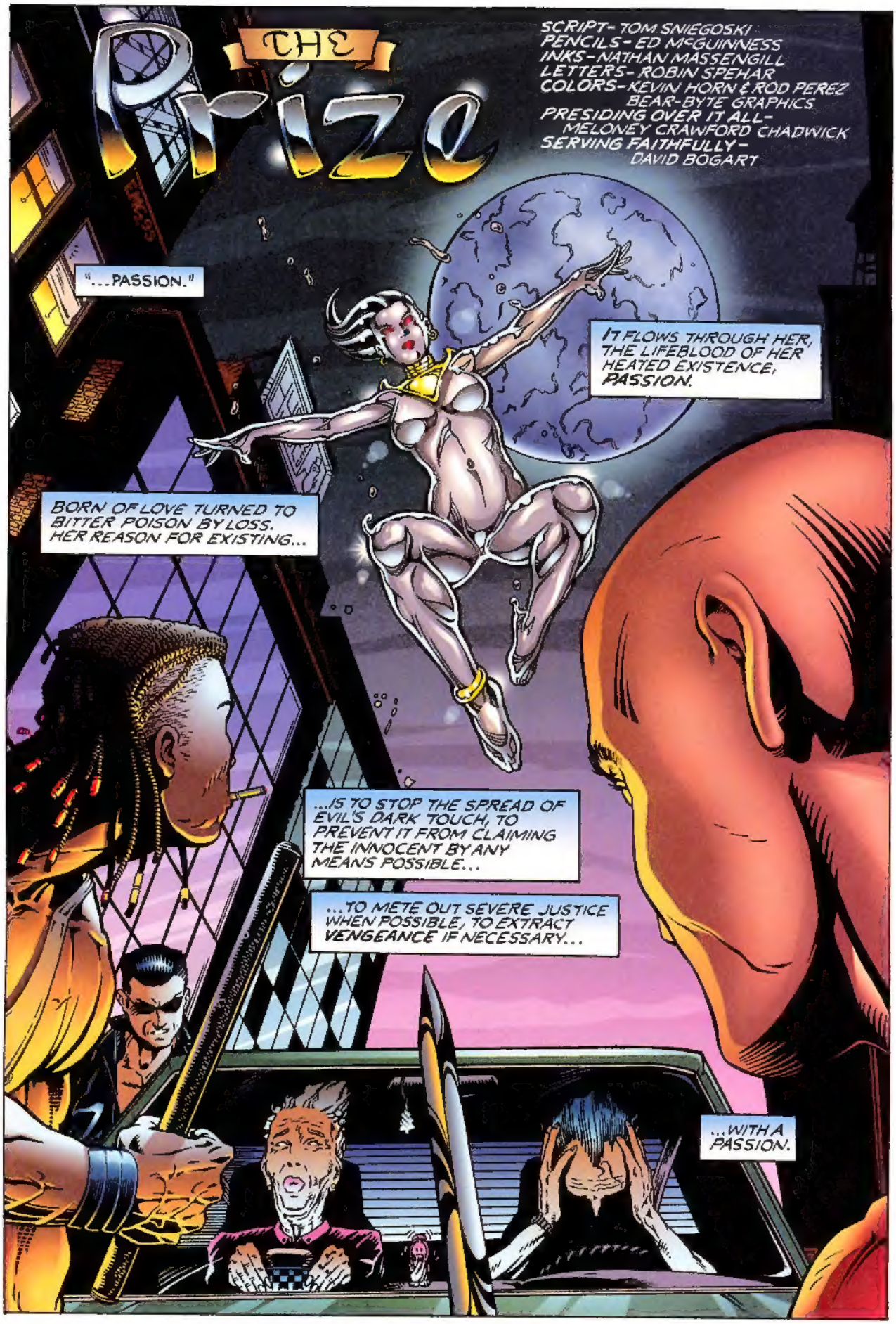
RANDOM-DCP

"LOOK AT HER, MITCHELL. LOOK AT THE BOTH OF THEM, REALLY. THEY'RE SOMETHING. DON'T YOU AGREE?"
IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, SIR.
THOSE TWO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR RESEARCH PROJECT THAT COULD HAVE REAPED THE CORPORATION IN EXCESS OF...
I'M WELL AWARE OF THE NUMBERS, MITCHELL. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING MORE ON THESE TWO? WHO DO THEY WORK FOR?
"FROM WHAT OUR FACT FINDERS WERE ABLE TO DREDGE UP, IT APPEARS THEY ARE IN THE EMPLOY OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE DANSE MACABRE..."
THESE TWO EXHIBIT... UNIQUE ABILITIES, FAR BEYOND THOSE OF THE AVERAGE FIELD AGENT. POWER SUCH AS THIS COULD PROVE QUITE BENEFICIAL WHEN DEALING WITH SOME OF OUR MORE TROUBLING ACQUISITIONS.
...A SHADOWY ORGANIZATION, SIR. THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE LIES IN THE FIELD OF THE PARANORMAL AND SUPERNATURAL. I BELIEVE WE'RE LOOKING AT TWO OF THEIR FIELD OPERATIVES.

HOW ARE WE DOING WITH THE FORMATION OF OUR OWN TEAM OF SPECIAL AGENTS, MITCHELL?
KLIK
WE'RE FINALIZING THE ROSTER NOW, SIR. LET ME SHOW YOU OUR RECRUITS SO FAR.
"FIRST, WE HAVE HEYWOOD GOULD, CODE NAMED MIND'S EYE. A HORRIBLE MAN WITH THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO MAKE YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE SEEM LIKE REALITY. HE IS ON LOAN FROM SEA GATE PRISON.
"TO THE RIGHT IS THE ONCE LOVELY MODEL, JEANINE SURETTE. AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT WITH SUPERNATURALLY ENHANCED STEROIDS LED TO THIS SUPERSTRONG, SUPER-VOLATILE CONDITION. SHE IS THE MUSCLE IN OUR LITTLE FAMILY, AND QUITE HAPPY TO BE EMPLOYED.
"BOTTOM LEFT WE HAVE... WELL, WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT WE HAVE. HE'S A SHAPE CHANGER WHO WAS DISCOVERED IN A SUPERNATURAL SENSOR SWEEP OF NEW YORK'S BOWERY. HE'S QUITE WILLING TO PLEASE, REALLY. WE CALL HIM BOGY.
"AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WE..."
THE TEAM ISN'T COMPLETE? I THOUGHT I GAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO HAVE THE RETRIEVER TEAM READY FOR MOBILIZATION BY TODAY!
SHE APPEARS TO BE THE LATEST IN A STRING OF NEW AND FASCINATING PARANORMAL LIFE FORMS POPPING UP IN THE AREA. SHE IS A LIVING, THINKING BEING COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF SOLIDIFIED SUPERNATURAL ENERGIES.
MITCHELL, I'M NOT QUITE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TEAM'S FIRST RETRIEVAL MISSION. THIS FIND COULD RECOUP NEARLY ALL THE LOSSES INCURRED BY THE DANSE MACABRE'S ASSAULT ON OUR RESEARCH FACILITY.
OUR RETRIEVERS MUST BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL SO THAT GATEWAY CAN BE CLAIMED FOR THE CORPORATION! DO YOU FOLLOW ME, MITCHELL?!
OF COURSE, SIR!
IF WE CAN TRUST OUR RED BOYS, WE'RE PRACTICALLY SITTING ON AN INTERDIMENSIONAL ACCESS WAY... A GATEWAY TO ANOTHER WORLD, MITCHELL!
AS I WAS ABOUT TO EXPLAIN, WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING THE FINAL AND PROBABLY MOST POWERFUL RECRUIT.
SHE GOES BY THE NAME...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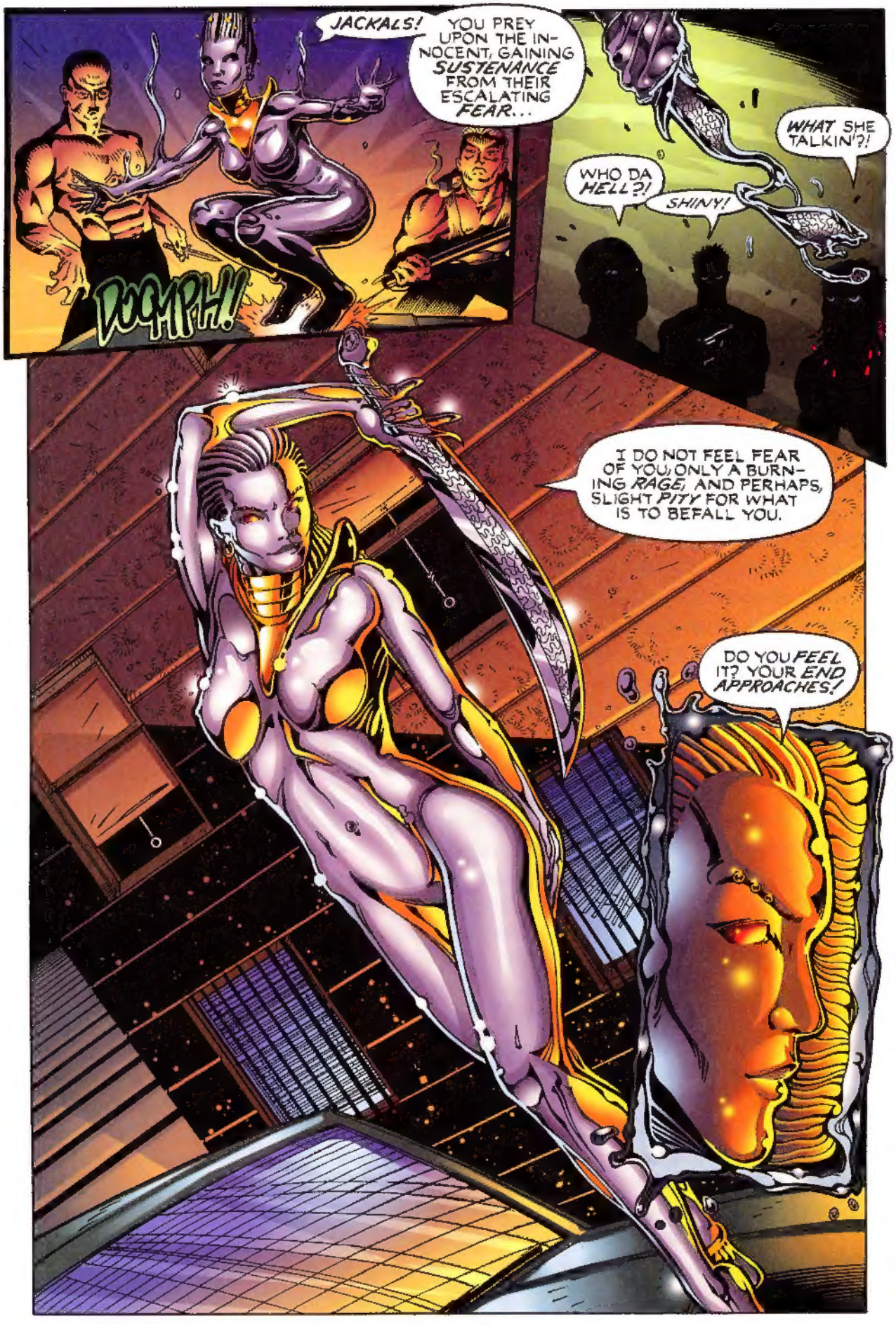
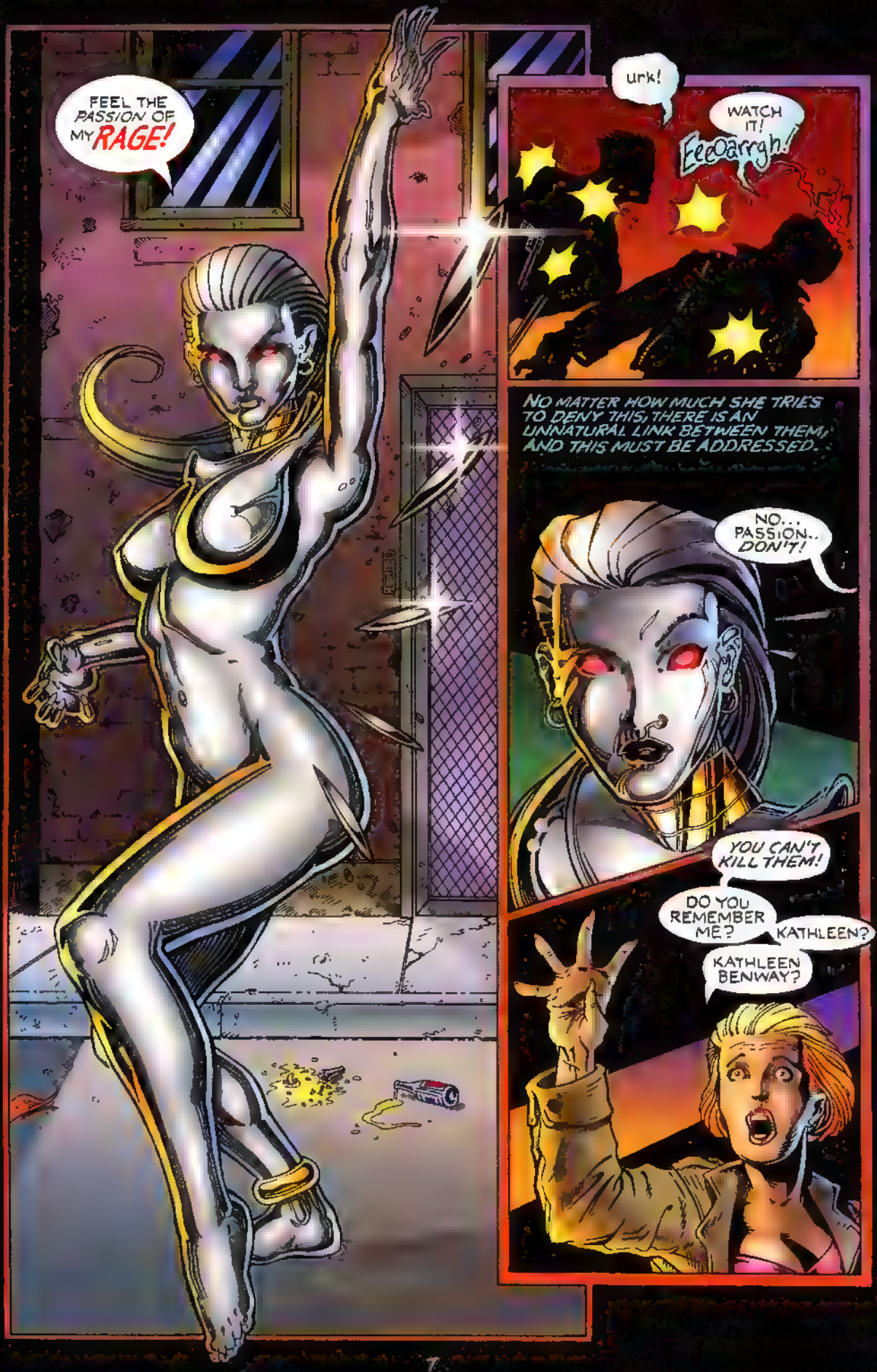
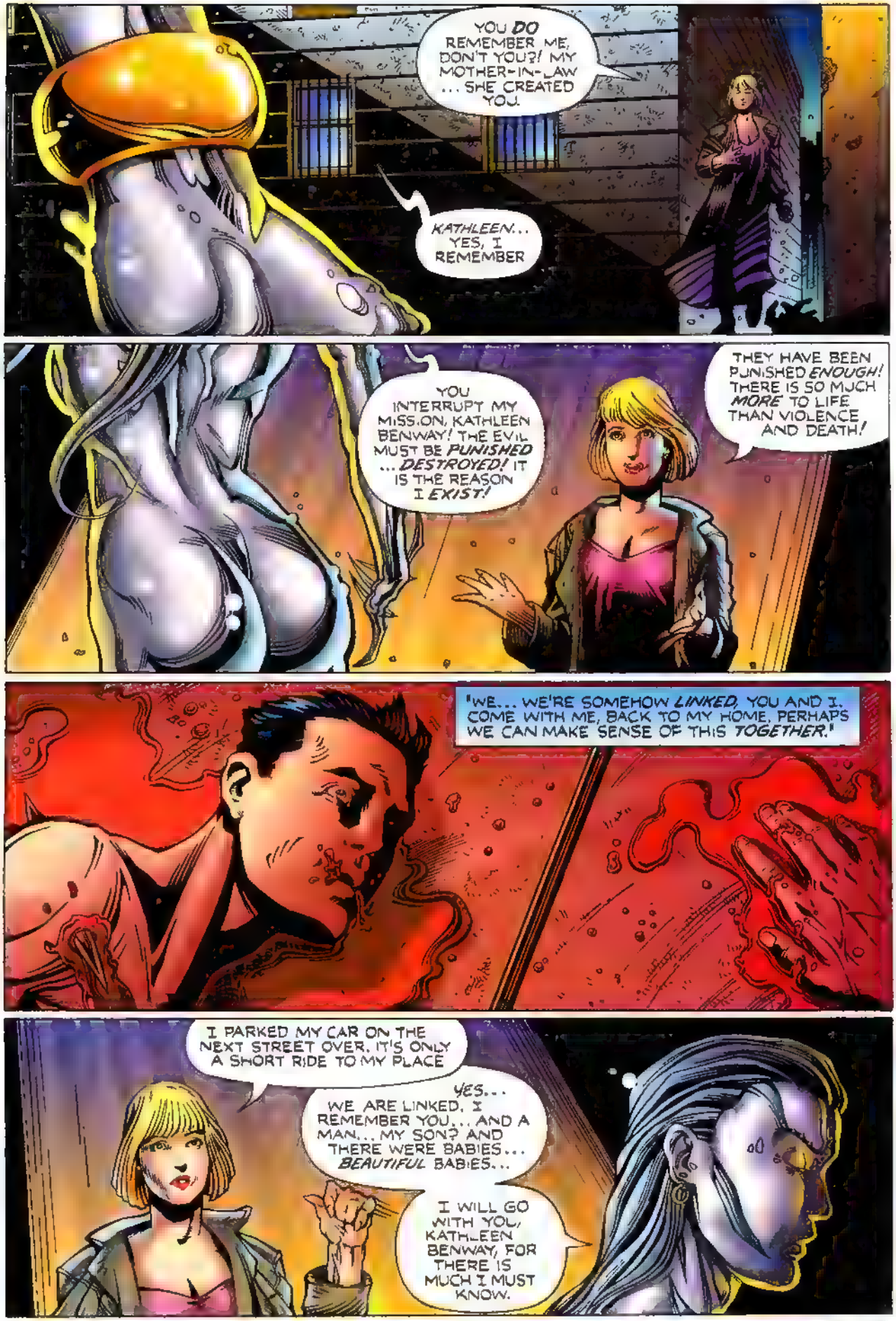
PRESIDING OVER IT ALL-
MELONEY CRAWFORD CHADWICK
SERVING FAITHFULLY-
DAVID BOGART
"...PASSION."
IT FLOWS THROUGH HER, THE LIFEBLOOD OF HER HEATED EXISTENCE, PASSION.
BORN OF LOVE TURNED TO BITTER POISON BY LOSS, HER REASON FOR EXISTING...
...IS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF EVIL'S DARK TOUCH, TO PREVENT IT FROM CLAIMING THE INNOCENT BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE...
...TO METE OUT SEVERE JUSTICE WHEN POSSIBLE, TO EXTRACT VENGEANCE IF NECESSARY...
...WITH A PASSION.


JACKALS!
YOU PREY UPON THE INNOCENT, GAINING *SUSTENANCE* FROM THEIR ESCALATING *FEAR*...
DUQMPH!
WHAT SHE TALKIN'?!
WHO DA *HELL*?!
SHINY!
I DO NOT FEEL FEAR OF YOU; ONLY A BURNING *RAGE*, AND PERHAPS, SLIGHT *PITY* FOR WHAT IS TO BEFALL YOU.
DO YOU *FEEL* IT? YOUR *END* APPROACHES!

SHE SURE TALKS GOOD! WONDER IF SHE CAN TAKE A BULLET AS NICE?
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH EASIER IF YOU HAD JUST ACCEPTED YOUR PUNISHMENT...
... BUT AGAIN, TRUE EVIL SELDOM RECOGNIZES THE FUTILITY OF ITS ACTIONS...
...WHEN FACING AN AVATAR OF LIGHT AND DECENCY!
SO FAST!
NO! AHHH!
SHE HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THIS SUPERNATURAL CREATURE, THIS PERSONIFICATION OF LOVING EMOTION TURNED TO LIVING RAGE.
"YEEEAARR! MY HAND!"

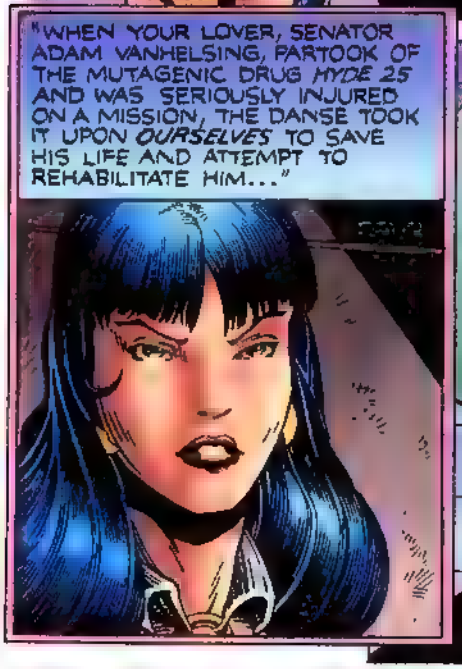
HOME RUN, SLICK!
Yeeeeek!
SQU ELCH
MUST'VE THOUGHT YOU WAS PRETTY AWESOME, AVENGING ANGEL OF THE NIGHT AND CRAP.
SHE'S NOTHIN'! DON'T EVEN THINK SHE'S HUMAN.
LET'S JUST HOPE SHE'S HUMAN ENOUGH TO SUFFER!
IT IS NOT I WHO WILL SUFFER THIS NIGHT!


FEEL THE PASSION OF MY RAGE!
urk!
WATCH IT!
EeeOarrgh!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE TRIES TO DENY THIS, THERE IS AN UNNATURAL LINK BETWEEN THEM, AND THIS MUST BE ADDRESSED..
NO... PASSION.. DON'T!
YOU CAN'T KILL THEM!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
KATHLEEN?
KATHLEEN BENWAY?

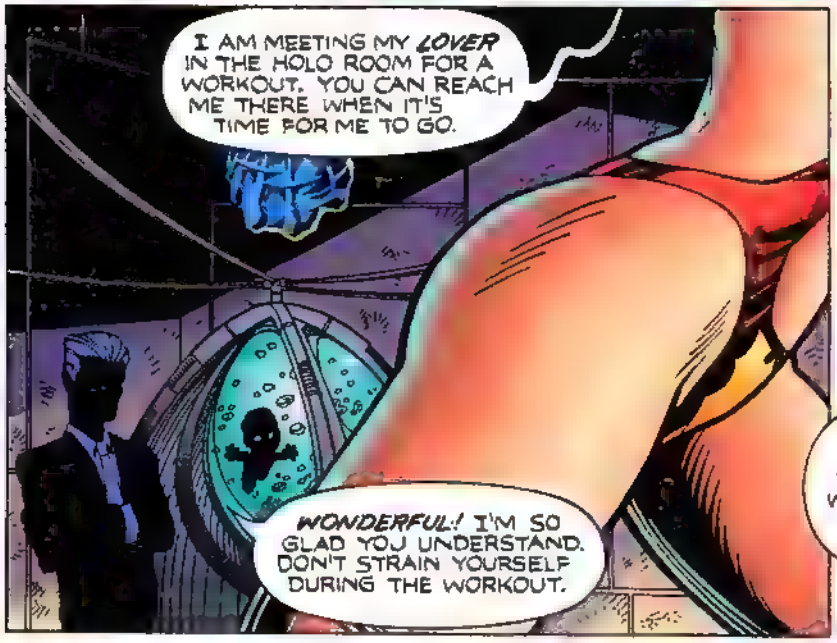

YOU DO REMEMBER ME, DON'T YOU?! MY MOTHER-IN-LAW ... SHE CREATED YOU.
KATHLEEN... YES, I REMEMBER
YOU INTERRUPT MY MISSION, KATHLEEN BENWAY! THE EVIL MUST BE PUNISHED ... DESTROYED! IT IS THE REASON I EXIST!
THEY HAVE BEEN PUNISHED ENOUGH! THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO LIFE THAN VIOLENCE AND DEATH!
"WE... WE'RE SOMEHOW LINKED, YOU AND I. COME WITH ME, BACK TO MY HOME, PERHAPS WE CAN MAKE SENSE OF THIS TOGETHER."
I PARKED MY CAR ON THE NEXT STREET OVER. IT'S ONLY A SHORT RIDE TO MY PLACE
YES... WE ARE LINKED. I REMEMBER YOU... AND A MAN... MY SON? AND THERE WERE BABIES... BEAUTIFUL BABIES...
I WILL GO WITH YOU, KATHLEEN BENWAY, FOR THERE IS MUCH I MUST KNOW.

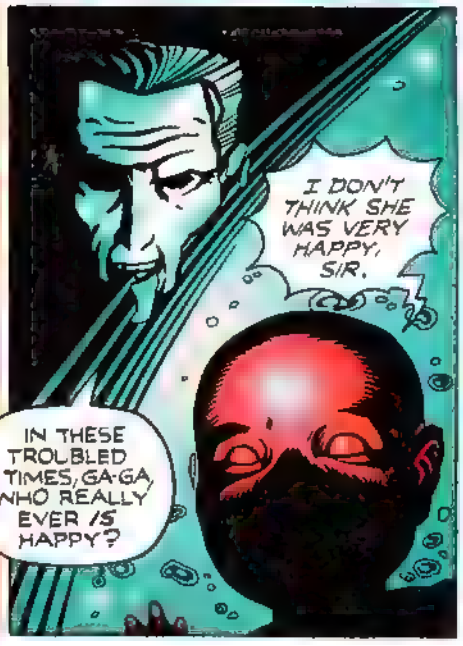
OH BOY! IT'S THERE, MR. SABASTIAN! OH YES, IT IS! THE POWER!
EXCELLENT JOB, GA-GA! YOU'VE PINPOINTED THE LOCATION OF THE POWER SOURCE IN RECORD TIME.
IS THIS POWER SOURCE THE REASON I HAVE BEEN SUMMONED, SABASTIAN? ANOTHER FAVOR FOR THE GOOD OF THE DANSE, PERHAPS?
PRECISELY WHY YOU'VE BEEN CALLED. THE DEBILITATING INJURIES DANSER PORTER SUFFERED DURING THE LAST MISSION HAVE LEFT US WITHOUT A TELEPORTER. WE HAVE BEEN IN SEARCH OF ONE
AND YOU WISH ME TO FIND YOU ONE?! PERHAPS YOU WOULD HAVE BETTER LUCK WITH A "HELP WANTED" AD.
IS THAT A TOUCH OF PETULANCE I DETECT IN YOUR VOICE, MY DEAR?

STOP ME IF I AM INCORRECT, BUT YOU SOUND UPSET THAT WE HAVE NEED OF YOUR SPECIAL TALENTS. PERHAPS YOUR MEMORY NEEDS A BIT OF REFRESHING, VAMPIRELLA.


"WHEN YOUR LOVER, SENATOR ADAM VANHELSING, PARTOOK OF THE MUTAGENIC DRUG *HYDE 25* AND WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED ON A MISSION, THE DANSE TOOK IT UPON *OURSELVES* TO SAVE HIS LIFE AND ATTEMPT TO REHABILITATE HIM..."

...WE ARE STILL TREATING MR. "*BAD* JACK" VAN HELSING, AT OUR *OWN* EXPENSE, I MIGHT ADD.
REVIEWING THESE FACTS, MY DEAR VAMPIRELLA, I WOULD HAVE TO COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN OUR DEBT. AM I MAKING MY POINT?


I AM MEETING MY *LOVER* IN THE HOLO ROOM FOR A WORKOUT. YOU CAN REACH ME THERE WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO.
WONDERFUL! I'M SO GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND. DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF DURING THE WORKOUT.

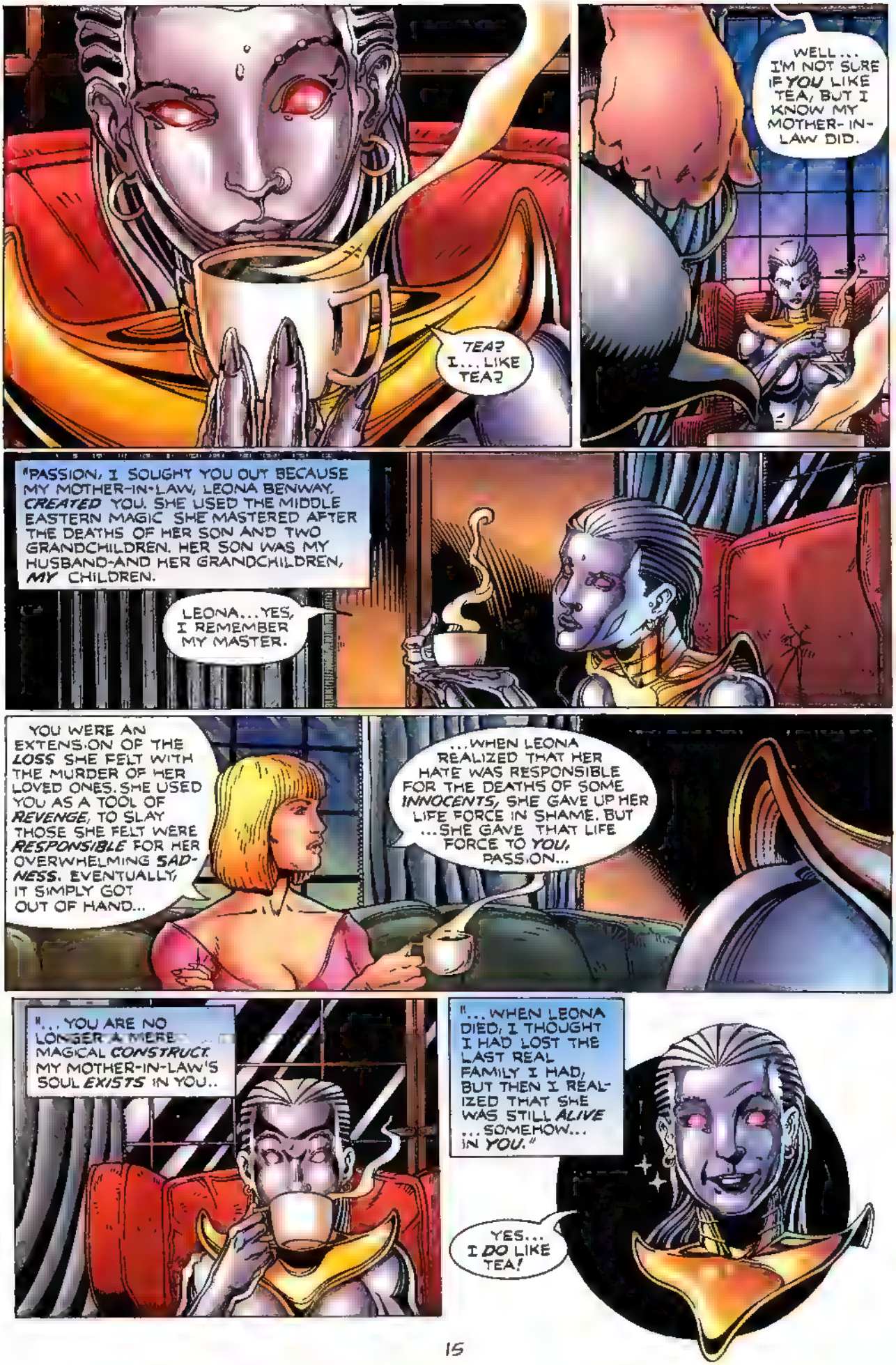

I DON'T THINK SHE WAS VERY HAPPY, SIR.
IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES, GA-GA WHO REALLY EVER *IS* HAPPY?

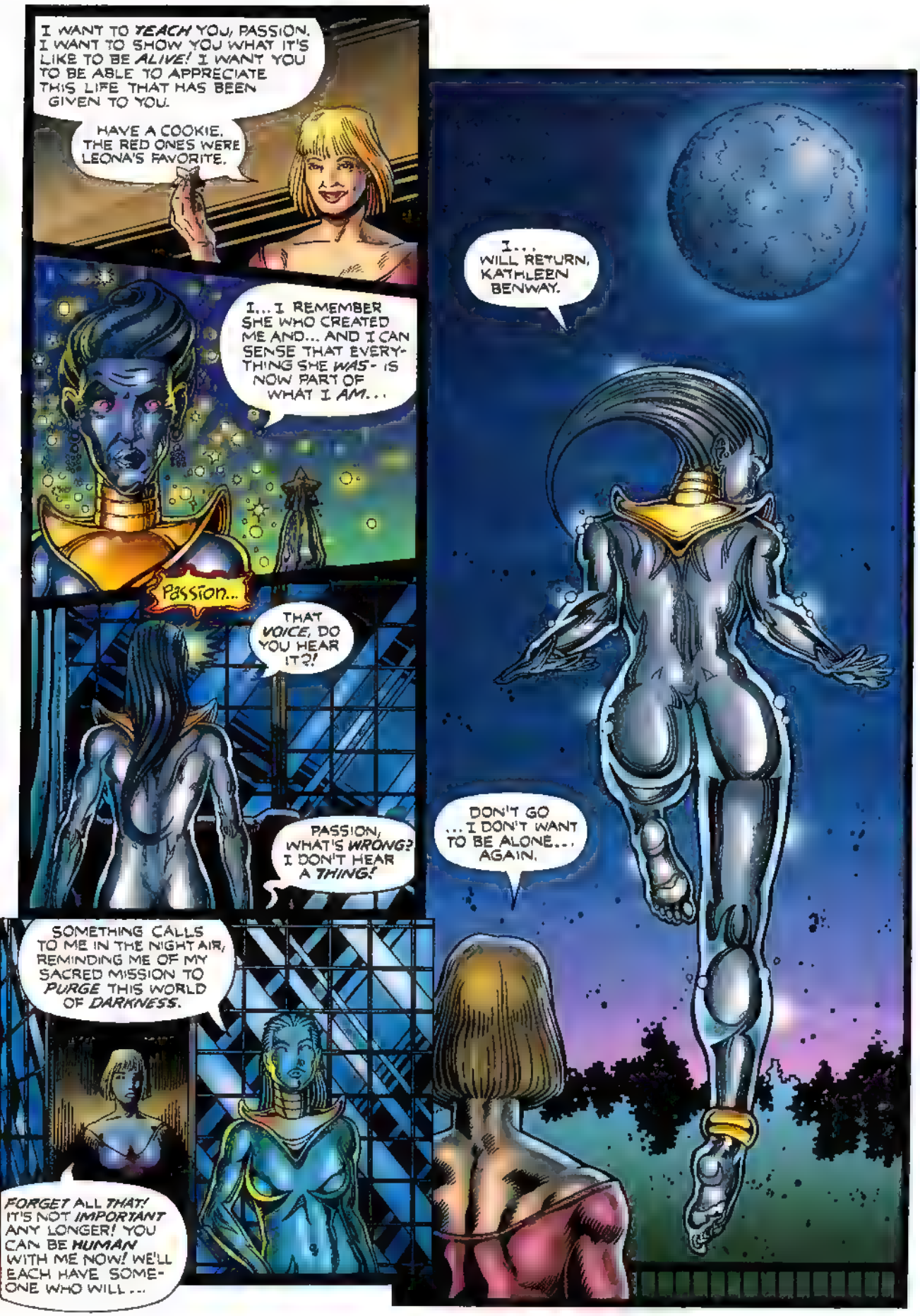
THE NERVE OF THAT MAN! DOES HE NOT REALIZE WITH WHOM HE IS DEALING?!
OF COURSE HE DOES, BUT IT MATTERS LITTLE TO THE MYSTERIOUS MR SABASTIAN!
HOLO ROOM
I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ADAM HERE A WHILE AGO HOPEFULLY, HE STARTED THE PROGRAM WITHOUT ME.
VAMPIRELLA
"LET'S SEE IF I CAN JUMP IN."
HOLO PROGRAM
BAD JACK 10010
ACTIVATED
I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS PROGRAM BEFORE... ODD..
"... AH, IT'S BECOMING CLEAR TO ME NOW. I KNOW WHERE I AM."
DANGER

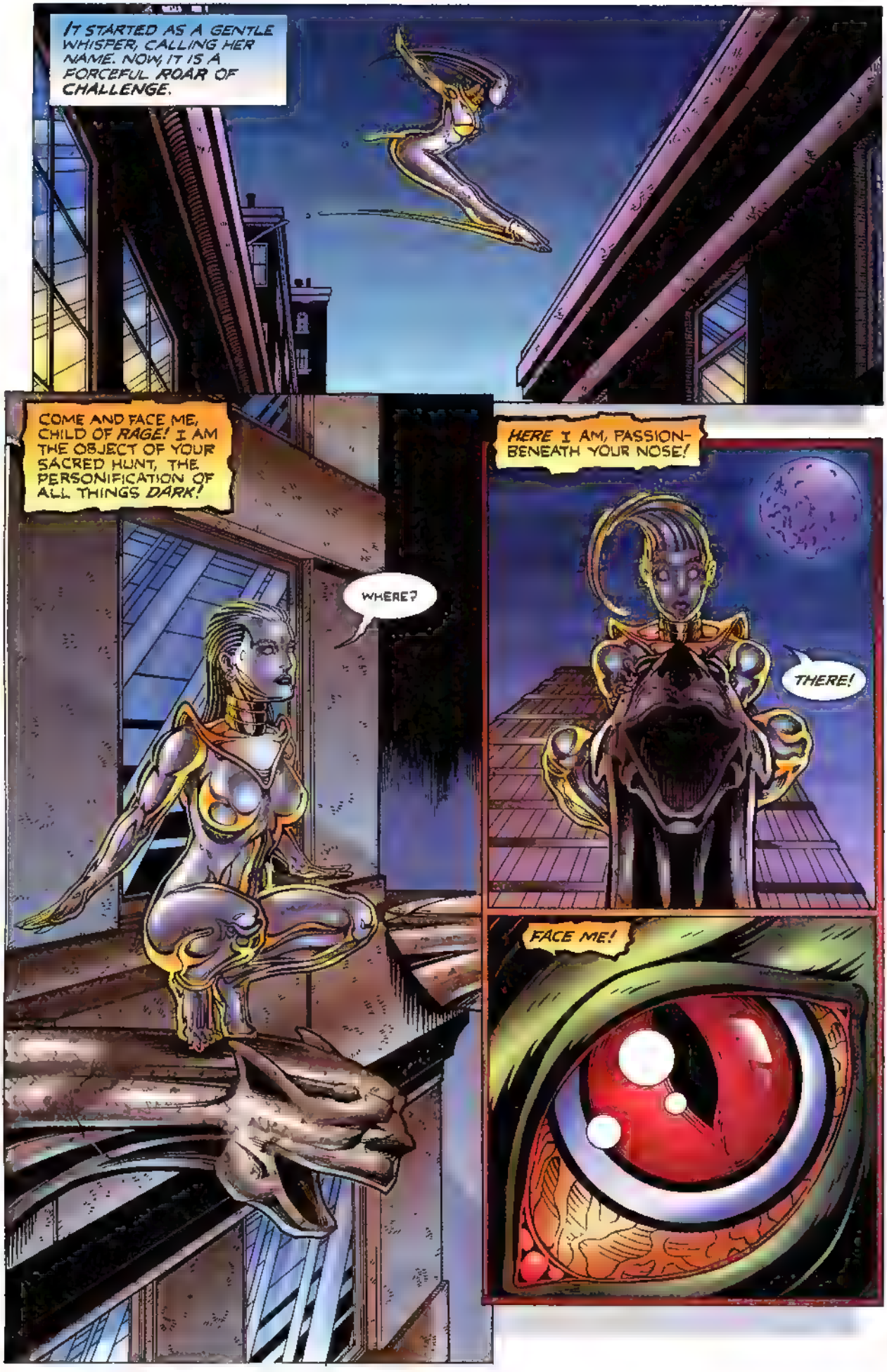
IT IS AS ADAM DESCRIBED IT.
THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE HE AND HIS TEAM MET THEIR HORRIBLE DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF THE INTER-DIMENSIONAL BEASTS, THE SLASH-MAR--
"--AND HERE THEY ARE NOW."
I CAME HERE FOR A WORKOUT.
...AND I INTEND TO GET ONE!
Aaaargh!

TOO MANY OF THEM - CAN'T LET THEM GET THE UPPER HAND!
I THINK THE LADY HAS HAD JUST ABOUT *ENOUGH* OF YOU SONS OF *BITCHES!*
HOW'S ABOUT GIVIN' *ME* SOME OF YOUR TIME?!
THAT'S IT, STEP THIS WAY, PLENTY FOR EVERYONE!
ADAM!
GIVE ME BUT A SECOND AND I WILL ASSIST YOU!
BOOM!
SLISH!
I'LL FEEL YOUR *FOUL* TOUCH UPON ME NO *LONGER!*

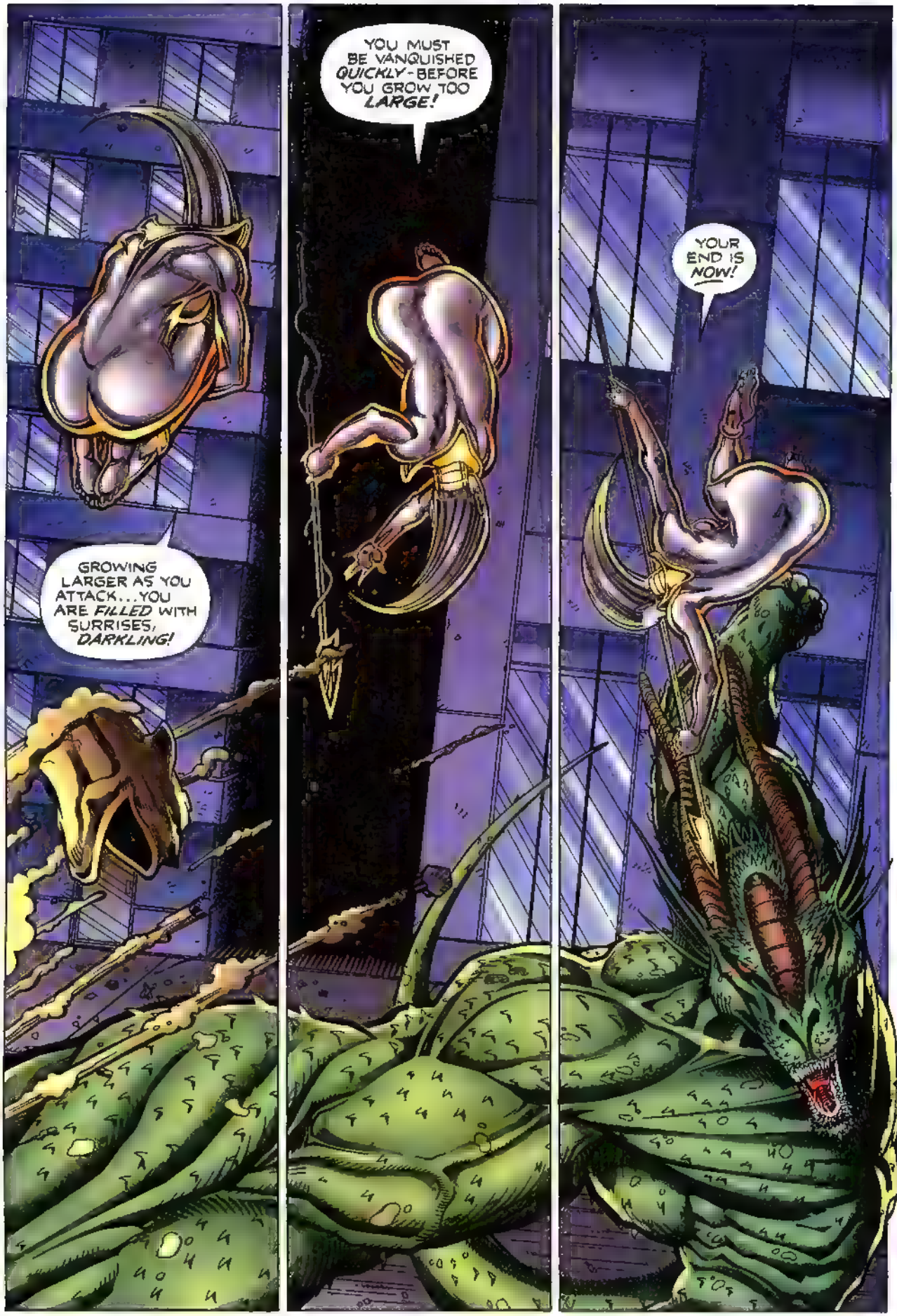
QUITE THE HOLO-PROGRAM, DARLING! DID YOU DESIGN IT YOURSELF, PERHAPS?
THEY'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME AGAIN! FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE READY FOR THEM!
SLASH
THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY CHANGE, FOR WHAT I HAVE BECOME!
I'M BAD JACK NOW!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
RELLA...
BAD JACK... ...ADAM?
WE'RE ONE AND THE SAME

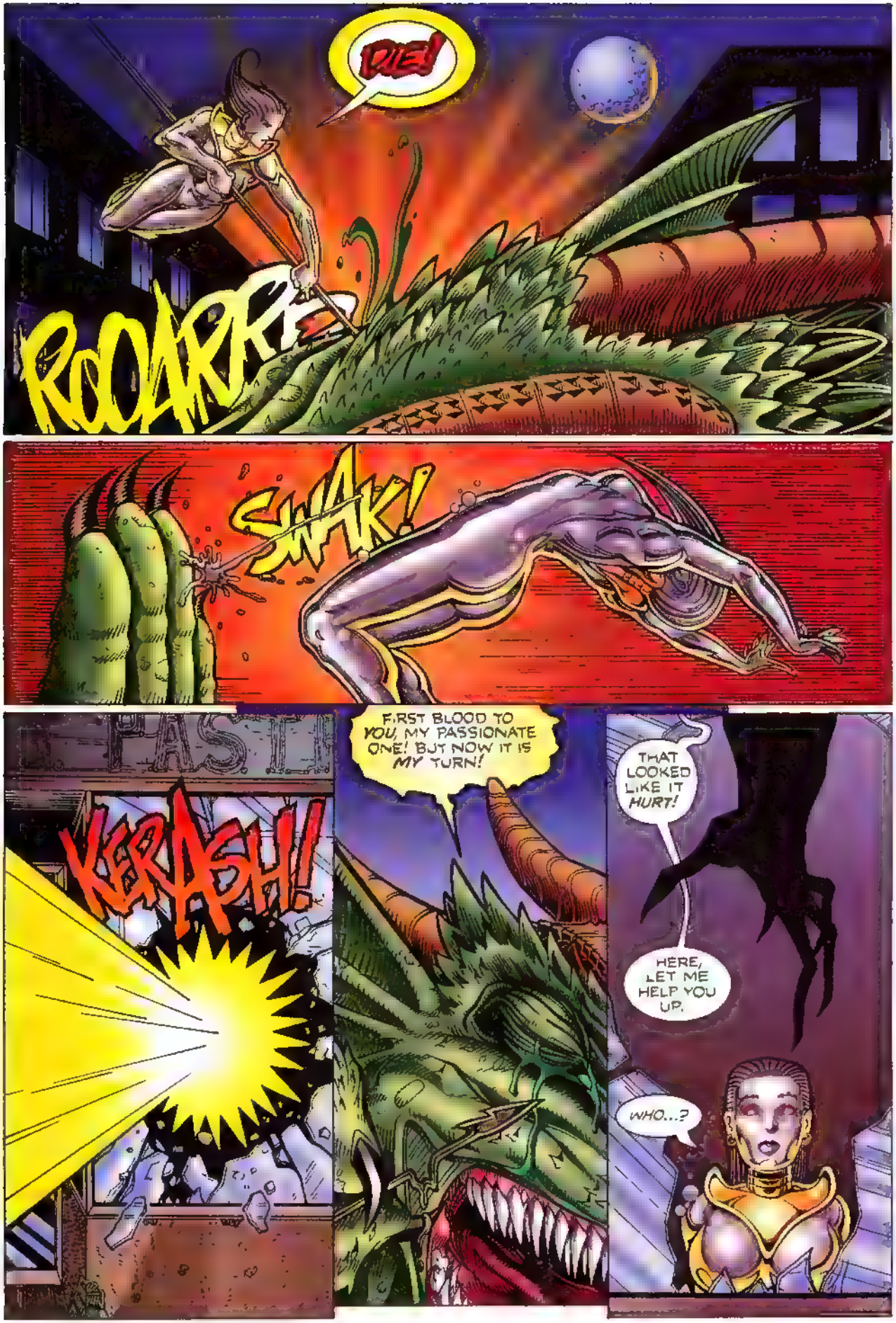

TEA? I... LIKE TEA?
WELL... I'M NOT SURE IF YOU LIKE TEA, BUT I KNOW MY MOTHER-IN-LAW DID.
"PASSION, I SOUGHT YOU OUT BECAUSE MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, LEONA BENWAY, CREATED YOU. SHE USED THE MIDDLE EASTERN MAGIC SHE MASTERED AFTER THE DEATHS OF HER SON AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. HER SON WAS MY HUSBAND-AND HER GRANDCHILDREN, MY CHILDREN.
LEONA... YES, I REMEMBER MY MASTER.
YOU WERE AN EXTENSION OF THE LOSS SHE FELT WITH THE MURDER OF HER LOVED ONES. SHE USED YOU AS A TOOL OF REVENGE, TO SLAY THOSE SHE FELT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER OVERWHELMING SADNESS. EVENTUALLY, IT SIMPLY GOT OUT OF HAND...
...WHEN LEONA REALIZED THAT HER HATE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF SOME INNOCENTS, SHE GAVE UP HER LIFE FORCE IN SHAME. BUT ...SHE GAVE THAT LIFE FORCE TO YOU, PASSION...
"... YOU ARE NO LONGER A MERE MAGICAL CONSTRUCT. MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S SOUL EXISTS IN YOU..
"... WHEN LEONA DIED, I THOUGHT I HAD LOST THE LAST REAL FAMILY I HAD, BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT SHE WAS STILL ALIVE ... SOMEHOW... IN YOU."
YES... I DO LIKE TEA!

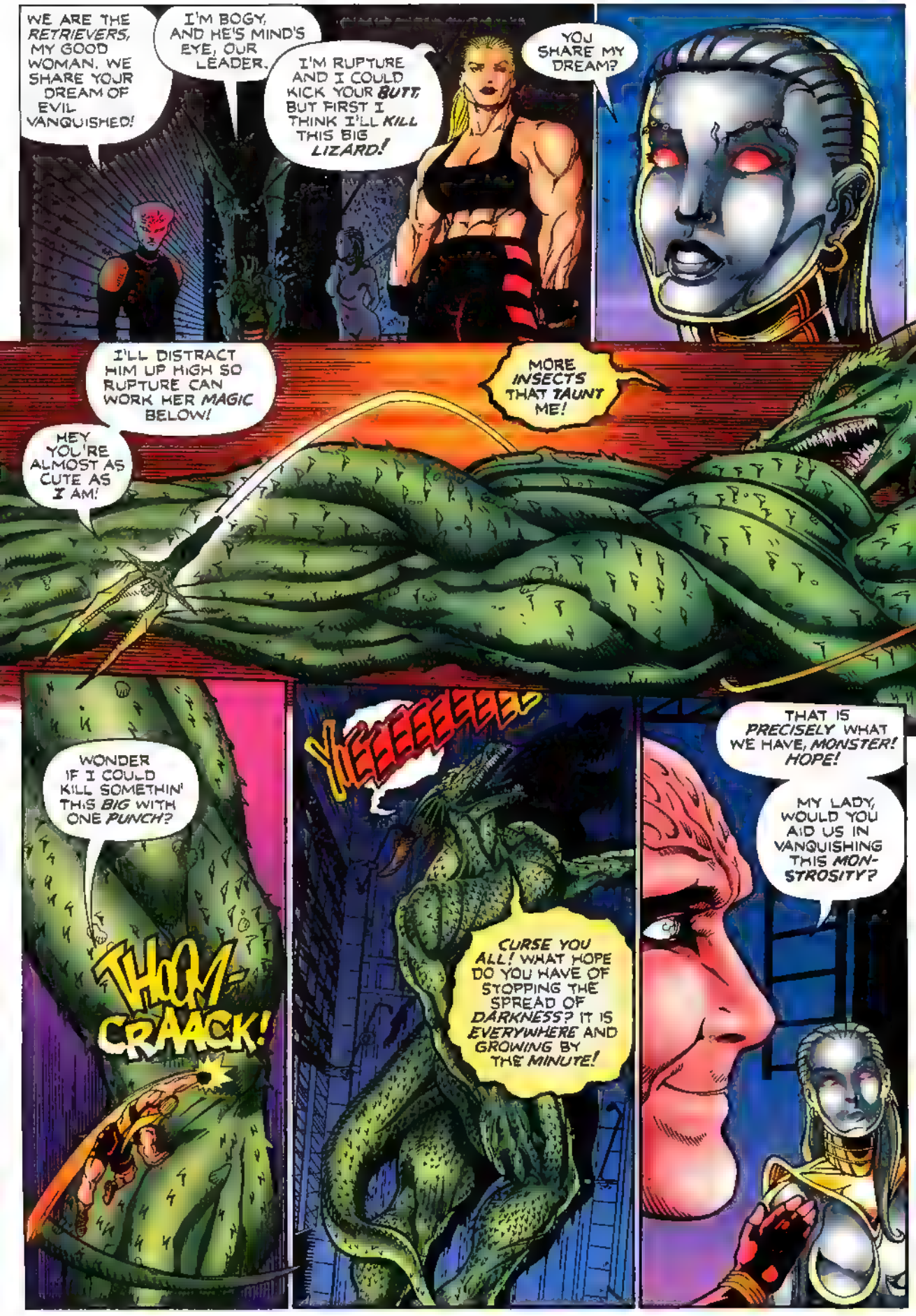

I WANT TO *TEACH* YOU, PASSION. I WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE *ALIVE!* I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE THIS LIFE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU.
HAVE A COOKIE. THE RED ONES WERE LEONA'S FAVORITE.
I... I REMEMBER SHE WHO CREATED ME AND... AND I CAN SENSE THAT EVERYTHING SHE *WAS* - IS NOW PART OF WHAT I *AM*...
Passion...
THAT *VOICE*, DO YOU HEAR IT?!
PASSION, WHAT'S *WRONG*? I DON'T HEAR A *THING!*
SOMETHING CALLS TO ME IN THE NIGHT AIR, REMINDING ME OF MY SACRED MISSION TO *PURGE* THIS WORLD OF *DARKNESS*.
FORGET ALL *THAT!* IT'S NOT *IMPORTANT* ANY LONGER! YOU CAN BE *HUMAN* WITH ME NOW! WE'LL EACH HAVE SOMEONE WHO WILL...
I... WILL RETURN, KATHLEEN BENWAY.
DON'T GO ... I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE... AGAIN.

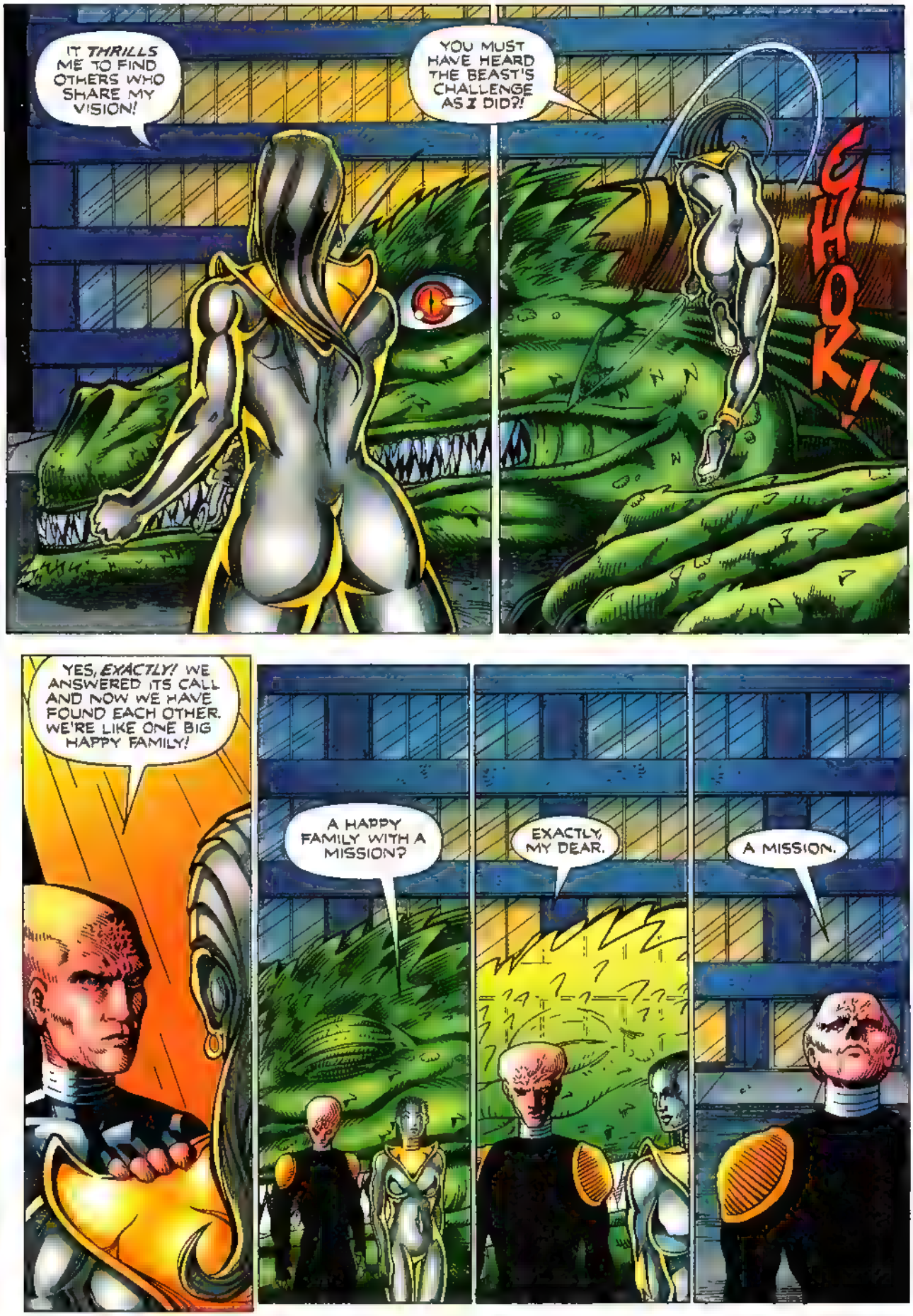

IT STARTED AS A GENTLE WHISPER, CALLING HER NAME. NOW, IT IS A FORCEFUL ROAR OF CHALLENGE.
COME AND FACE ME, CHILD OF RAGE! I AM THE OBJECT OF YOUR SACRED HUNT, THE PERSONIFICATION OF ALL THINGS DARK!
WHERE?
HERE I AM, PASSION- BENEATH YOUR NOSE!
THERE!
FACE ME!

DO YOU SEE ME *NOW*, PASSION? I SEE *YOU*, AND KNOW THAT SOON YOU WILL NO LONGER *EXIST!*
THERE IS SOMETHING ...*FAMILIAR* ABOUT YOU, BEAST. BUT THAT WILL NOT PREVENT ME FROM ENDING YOUR EXISTENCE!
IN THE SHADOW OF A NEARBY ALLEY...
THING'S *BIG!* WHERE'D YOU DREDGE *THAT* UP FROM?
OUR SILVERY LADY-FRIEND HAS QUITE THE POWERFUL IMAGINATION! I PULLED THIS BEAST FROM THE RECESSES OF HER MIND.
NOW, IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO BE SILENT, I'VE GOT A TEAM-MATE TO ACQUIRE


GROWING LARGER AS YOU ATTACK...YOU ARE *FILLED* WITH SURRISES, *DARKLING!*
YOU MUST BE VANQUISHED *QUICKLY*-BEFORE YOU GROW TOO *LARGE!*
YOUR END IS *NOW!*

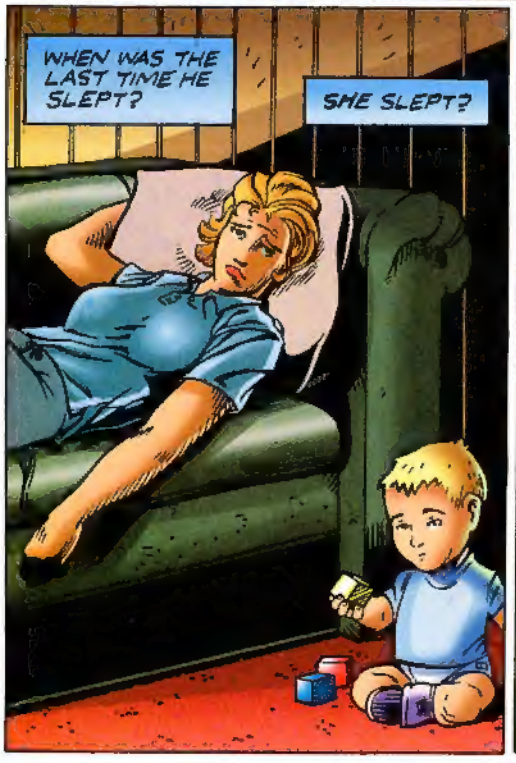

DIE!
ROOARR!
SWAK!
KERASH!
FIRST BLOOD TO YOU, MY PASSIONATE ONE! BUT NOW IT IS MY TURN!
THAT LOOKED LIKE IT HURT!
HERE, LET ME HELP YOU UP.
WHO...?

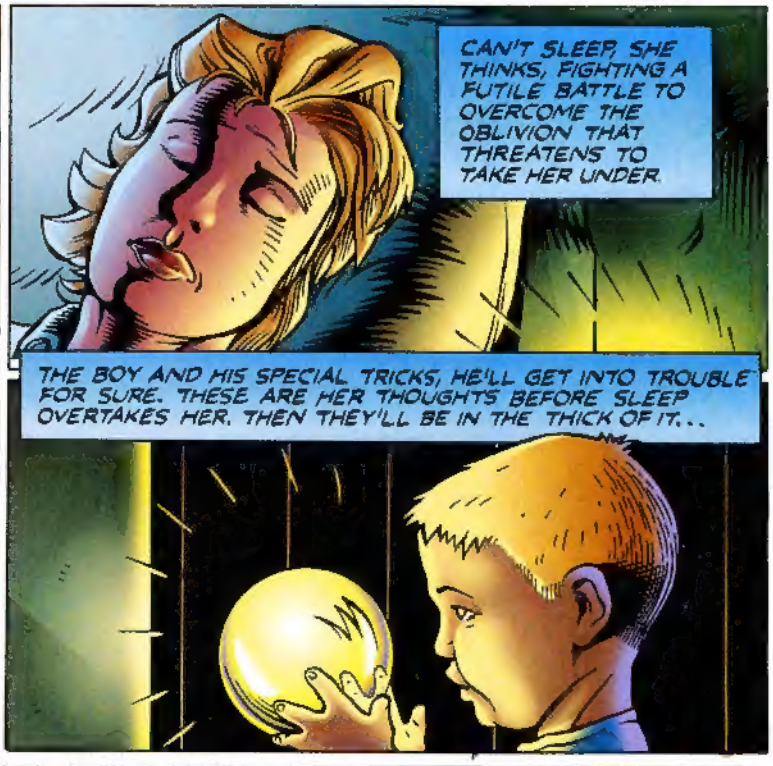

WE ARE THE RETRIEVERS, MY GOOD WOMAN. WE SHARE YOUR DREAM OF EVIL VANQUISHED!
I'M BOGY, AND HE'S MIND'S EYE, OUR LEADER.
I'M RUPTURE AND I COULD KICK YOUR BUTT, BUT FIRST I THINK I'LL KILL THIS BIG LIZARD!
YOU SHARE MY DREAM?
I'LL DISTRACT HIM UP HIGH SO RUPTURE CAN WORK HER MAGIC BELOW!
HEY YOU'RE ALMOST AS CUTE AS I AM!
MORE INSECTS THAT TAUNT ME!
WONDER IF I COULD KILL SOMETHIN' THIS BIG WITH ONE PUNCH?
THOOM-CRAACK!
YEEEEEEEEE-
CURSE YOU ALL! WHAT HOPE DO YOU HAVE OF STOPPING THE SPREAD OF DARKNESS? IT IS EVERYWHERE AND GROWING BY THE MINUTE!
THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE HAVE, MONSTER! HOPE!
MY LADY, WOULD YOU AID US IN VANQUISHING THIS MONSTROSITY?

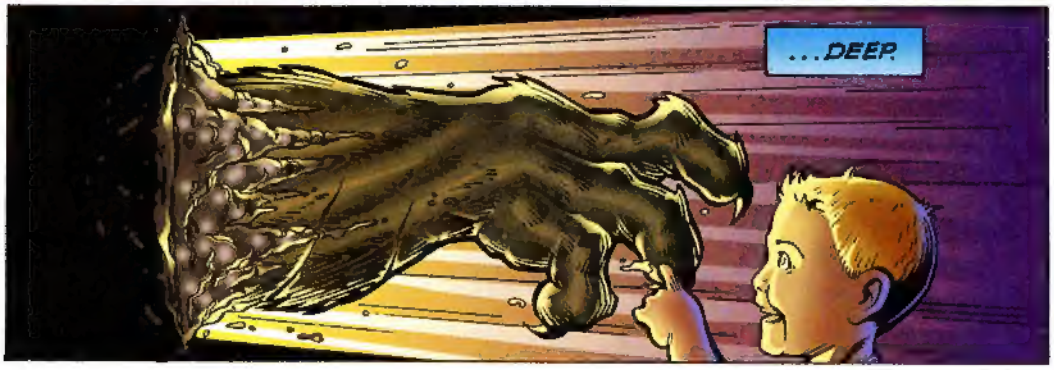

IT THRILLS ME TO FIND OTHERS WHO SHARE MY VISION!
YOU MUST HAVE HEARD THE BEAST'S CHALLENGE AS I DID?!
CHOK!
YES, EXACTLY! WE ANSWERED ITS CALL AND NOW WE HAVE FOUND EACH OTHER. WE'RE LIKE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!
A HAPPY FAMILY WITH A MISSION?
EXACTLY, MY DEAR.
A MISSION.

GEMINI CRICKET V-TOL
THE COORDINATES AND ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOUR PILOT. YOU SHOULD REACH YOUR DESTINATION IN ABOUT AN HOUR.
YES, SIR.
SURE YA WON'T NEED ANY BACK-UP ON THIS ONE?!
I'LL BE IN TOUCH AS SOON AS CONTACT IS MADE. GOODBYE!
GEMINI CRICKET V-TOL
THIS IS A SIMPLE RECRUITING OPERATION. VAMPIRELLA WILL NEED NO ASSISTANCE.
SIMPLE RECRUITING MISSION, IS IT?
WHY IS IT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU?
VERY GOOD, BAD JACK. YOU'RE BEGINNING TO THINK LIKE A TRUE DANSER.

DIXVILLE NOTCH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.
THE BOY IS LIVELY TODAY, SHE THINKS. MUST STAY AWAKE.


WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME HE SLEPT?
SHE SLEPT?


CAN'T SLEEP, SHE THINKS, FIGHTING A FUTILE BATTLE TO OVERCOME THE OBLIVION THAT THREATENS TO TAKE HER UNDER.
THE BOY AND HIS SPECIAL TRICKS, HE'LL GET INTO TROUBLE FOR SURE. THESE ARE HER THOUGHTS BEFORE SLEEP OVERTAKES HER. THEN THEY'LL BE IN THE THICK OF IT...


...DEEP.

HARRIS HIGHLIGHTS

HARRIS COMICS

Autumn is always an important transitional time for me. While nature winds down the year, my life tends to shift into gear. I love the cool snap in the air, the dazzling autumnal display of color, and the golden twilights. Amid so many changes, anything seems to be possible.

Even the fall holidays seem better suited to my temperament, whether it's the spooky, nothing-is-what-it-seems quality of Halloween, the reflective spiritual inventory of Rosh Hashanah, or the homecoming of Thanksgiving.

I guess I have taken that idiosyncrasy and imprinted it on the Harris Comics editorial schedule. We have more exciting developments than ever happening in the next few months, including a new title, VAMPIRELLA STRIKES, some specials and new retail products that are guaranteed to leave you breathless! Well, Halloween is probably a more fitting season for Vampirella than springtime, after all...

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Crawford Chadwick

Vampi Strikes Photo Kover Krew (left to right): Mark Mazz, Vampirella, Mike Mertens, Mokus (photo-stylist), & our amazing photographer, SILVERIO.

DON'T GET ROOKED AGAIN

The new ROOK title from Harris offers a little bit of the unexpected with each issue. Those of you who may remember the classic ROOK title may recall a time-traveling hero with robot sidekicks, while those of you who read CHAINS of CHAOS know that the new ROOK isn't quite the same as the old ROOK.

How Restin Dane changed from a time traveller and inventor with a penchant for the Old West to a warrior and mystic sustained by a skin of a Chaos demon is a tale best left for the pages of the ROOK, but those who pick up the title today will find some chilling adventures as **THE ROOK travels through various realities** battling the insidious influence of the mad god Chaos.

Every two issues, a new story arc— with a new scenario— emerges, easily identified by the covers. (For instance, Issues One and Two of THE ROOK, the "Fistful of Chaos" storyline, feature moody, solemn covers by Mike Mignola, while Issues Three and Four, kicking off the Maltese Falcon-inspired "Spider Obsidian" saga, are marked my some fierce Dan Brereton covers.) So even if you missed the first couple of issues, this might be a great time to start surfing the Reality Flow, and discovering the wild, macabre and fascinating world that Tom Sniegoski and Kirk Van Wormer have created for the new ROOK.

OTHER COOL STUFF

The Mystery Walk may be drawing to a close, but there's still plenty going on in **VENGEANCE of VAMPIRELLA.** Look for issue **#22, which features art by special guest penciller Chris Batista,** and a fabulous cover by **Gary Frank.** Also, make sure you get the last word on the untold secrets of the Mystery Walk by getting **MYSTERY WALK ZERO, written by Tom Sniegoski with slammin' art by CAESAR.** Everyone is talking about the all-new debut of VAMPIRELLA STRIKES, with art by Ed McGuinness and Nathan Massengill, but there are also changes in store after the first of the year for the ever-lovely VAMPIRELLA CLASSIC. (You heard it here first!) Those who wonder **what the deal is with that CYBERFROG** series will be able to get there very own piece of the armored amphibian in WIZARD #53.

CARDS THE LONG WAY

Last February, people everywhere had a chance to put Vampirella in their pocket when the Topps Company came out with the first-ever Vampirella card set. Fans wanted more, and they'll get it in December when **Topps debuts an all-new set of long-form cards** which will feature even more Vampirella on every card! **Check out the special promo card in Vengeance of Vampirella #19,** and ask your local comics retailer to order you a set (or two!) for December!

"A samurai by any other name..."

IT'S A TOUGH JOB, BUT SOMEBODY HAS DO IT.

What makes Harris Comics run? Well, while the generosity of our publisher, Mr. Stanley Harris, might have a lot to do with it, much of the day-to-day details of Harris Comics is taken care of by the phenomenal Harris Comics interns. Perhaps you've seen their names on the masthead: **Samurai** (formerly Fanboy; who is pictured above) **Mike Mertens, Seth KoolKid Biederman, and Lightning Lin Leng.** They spend their time sorting through the tons of mail we receive, photocopying original art, learning about how comics are made, helping out at conventions, and **catering to the needs of the real-life Vampirella.** If you live in the NYC area, **you might qualify for this elite corps** of editorial assistants. Remember, it's not a job; it's an indenture!

CHECKLIST FOR NOVEMBER:

- ☐ VAMPIRELLA CLASSIC #5
- ☐ VENGEANCE of VAMPIRELLA #20
- ☐ ROOK #4
- ☐ VENGEANCE of VAMPIRELLA: THE MYSTERY WALK ZERO

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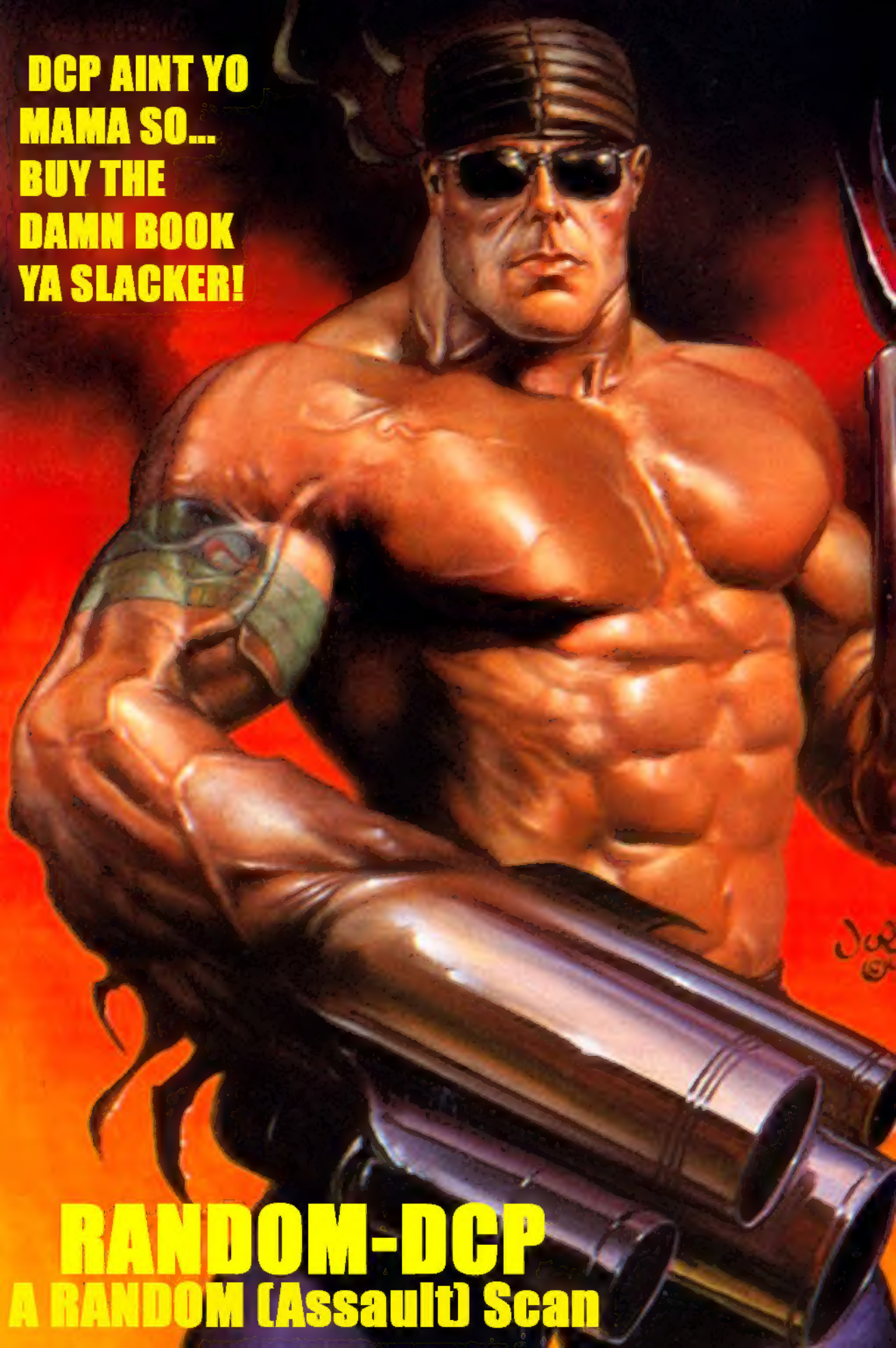
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